



The Insider

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Our Vision

In our inclusive community,
Each valued individual is taught self-belief
We are resilient and optimistic,
Caring for ourselves and our peers.
We are Children of God, with hope,
Awe and wonder in our hearts.

Our Bible verse: *Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.*
Ephesians 4:32

Our Values: Respect Friendship Honesty Kindness

Our motto: Respect. Believe. Succeed

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another week has flown by, and there is certainly much to celebrate as our pupils continue to work incredibly hard and demonstrate our school values each day.

On Thursday, our Year 6 pupils attended the Harvest Service at Bridge Church, where several children played an active role in leading the service. They represented the school wonderfully and provided a thoughtful opportunity for everyone to reflect on the importance of harvest and how we can support those in need within our community today. Thank you to all of our families for their generosity in donating food parcels. These contributions will be delivered to our local food bank, where I am sure they will be greatly appreciated by those who receive them.

Next week, we look forward to welcoming families and members of our wider community to our Open Evening on Thursday 15th October at 6:00pm. We warmly invite parents and carers to attend, including those with younger siblings who may be considering our school in the future. Please also share this date with families of current Year 4 pupils who may be interested in finding out more about what our school has to offer. We look forward to seeing you there.

Mrs Lowe

Key Information for Parents

For information about our school: www.walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk





Keeping children safe

The following information regards how we continue to ensure that pupils are cared for within our school:

[Early help](#)

[E-safety](#)

[Prevent](#)

[Child Protection](#)

[Attendance](#)

[Safeguarding summary](#)

[Safeguarding policy](#)



This week's winners!

Individual

Year 5	Jessica Nash
Year 6	Orla Phelan
Year 7	Georgie Smith
Year 8	Sophia Iduitua

Top Tutor Group

Year 5	LNE
Year 6	KKH
Year 7	EDU
Year 8	EWO





Every School Day Counts



95%

Our overall attendance this academic year

5LNE 98.7%



Congratulations

7LHO 98.4%

5NHU 97.6%



Weekly Attendance

Year 5	96%
Year 6	95%
Year 7	94%
Year 8	93%
Whole School	95%



Year to date Attendance

Year 5	97%
Year 6	96%
Year 7	95%
Year 8	93%
Whole School	95%



A huge congratulations to our top 3 tutor groups, in particular, 5LNE who recorded a magnificent 98.7% attendance. Consecutive weeks at No.1 for 5LNE.



Celebrating attendance

Because attendance matters...





Walkwood
Church of England  Middle School

Admission 2027

Open Evening
15th October 2026 6-7:30pm

Open Day
15th October 2026
9:15am

Please contact the school office to book in.



Contact with us
01527 543361



Visit our website
<https://www.walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk/>

WELLBEING AND EMOTIONAL SUPPORT TEAMS

Parents online Workshop

**Supporting your
child with worries
and anxiety**

**Run by the NHS's
Wellbeing and
Emotional
Support in schools
team. (WEST)**

Online on Teams

**Monday online
12th October
12:30 - 1.30 pm**

**We are talking
about:**

**Signs of anxiety in children.
Common Worries
for Children.**

Fight Flight Freeze.

**The Cycle of Anxiety and
what keeps the cycle going.**

**Join the meeting
on Teams**

**Meeting ID:
347 393 306 381 368
Passcode:
KX693TD3**



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WELLBEING AND EMOTIONAL SUPPORT TEAMS

Parents online Workshop

Boosting your child's mood

Run by the NHS's
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Emotional
Support in schools
team. (WEST)

Online

**Wednesday
11th November
12 - 1pm
On Teams**

Who is it for:

Parent Workshop who
want to learn more
about

**What is low mood and
the symptoms.**

Things that can impact a
child's mood and how to
improve it.

**Sleep hygiene and five
ways to Wellbeing.**

Join on Teams

**Meeting ID:
366 597 289 201 567
Passcode:
yw327Cv3**



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Appointment of a Catering Assistant

Walkwood Church of England Middle School are looking to appoint a part-time Catering Assistant for 1 day per week.

Remuneration: Scale 2 from £ 25,614 - £ 26,016 pro rata

8 am – 2.30 pm 6 hours per day, 1 day a week (preferably a Monday), term time only

“The school’s ethos and values are central to every aspect of school life at Walkwood Church of England Middle School. Relationships between pupils and teachers are strong. Pupils enjoy their learning. Pupils achieve well, including those with special educational needs and / or disabilities (SEND)”

SIAMS stated (2024):

Led by the vision, leaders are resolute in driving forward the work of the school. This ensures positive outcomes for pupils and adults.

Pastoral care is exceptional and extends from the school into the local community. As a result of this feeling of being treasured, lives are transformed.

There is a strong culture of togetherness, respect and trust between all members of the school community.

This role would suit an enthusiastic, reliable and hardworking individual who enjoys working as part of a team and making a positive contribution to school life. As a Catering Assistant, you will support the preparation and serving of nutritious meals, help maintain high standards of food hygiene and cleanliness, and assist in creating a welcoming dining environment for all pupils. The successful candidate will work closely with colleagues within the catering team, demonstrating excellent teamwork and communication skills, while also establishing positive and professional relationships with pupils and staff. A friendly, flexible approach and a commitment to providing an excellent service are essential to ensuring that lunchtime is a safe, enjoyable and positive experience for everyone. The ideal candidate will also demonstrate a willingness to undertake relevant training and professional development opportunities to enhance their skills, maintain best practice, and contribute effectively to the ongoing success of the catering service.

We can offer:

- A committed and supportive leadership team
- Wonderful, motivated children
- Access to relevant training required for this post
- Support from the whole community of our church school
- Support from The Spire Academy Trust (currently transitioning)

Walkwood Church of England Middle School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. The successful applicant will be required to undertake an enhanced DBS check.

For full details of this position and how to apply, please visit our website at www.walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk. The application deadline is **9am** on **Monday 2 November 2026**. CV's will not be accepted.

Clubs and Activities



Autumn Term 1

	Before school 8.30-8.45	Breaktime 10.20- 10.35	Lunchtime 12.55-13.15	After School 3:30pm – 4:45pm
Monday	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Yr 5 & 6 Boys Rec Football PMc Sign up via Arbor
Tuesday	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Choir All year groups Music – GLA Sign up via Arbor Yr 7 & 8 Boys Rec Football PMc Sign up via Arbor
Wednesday	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Yr 6 Boys Football LWO Year 6 Girls Netball KGR
Thursday	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Yr 7 Boys football squad PMI Yr 8 Boys football squad CHU Year 7 & 8 netball KGR
Friday	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	



Looking ahead



2026	
Wednesday 21 October	Tutor Parents' Evening 4.00 – 7.00pm
Friday 23 October	Staff Development Day
Monday 26 – Friday 30 October	Half Term
Monday 2 November	Parents' Maths KS2 Workshop 6.00 – 7.00pm
Friday 27 November	Christmas Fayre
Friday 18 December	End of Term
2027	
Monday 4 January	Staff Development Day
Tuesday 5 January	First day of the Spring Term for pupils
Monday 15 – Friday 19 February	Half Term
Thursday 25 March	End of Term
Monday 12 April	First day of the Summer Term for pupils
Monday 31 May – Friday 4 June	Half Term
Friday 2 July	Staff Development Day
Wednesday 21 July	End of Term